

WARNHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Filtering and Monitoring Statement

1. Introduction

This statement outlines:

- the filtering and monitoring systems in place at our school
- the systems used to monitor safeguarding concerns when using digital communication methods on the school premises
- the purpose of the school's Acceptable Use Policies

2. Filtering and Monitoring

The school have a licence with Exa Networks (SurfProtect), who are a recognised firewall provider for educational establishments. The system actively restricts users from accessing material that is deemed inappropriate for the user and is designated by the user group, either staff or pupil.

SurfProtect software is used to monitor restricted content and a log is kept centrally on the software. This is monitored regularly by our It service provider (JSPC). The logs are checked for improvement and development of this evolving system.

A filtering and monitoring report is run on a regular basis by the School Business Manager, and any safeguarding concerns are reported to the Headteacher.

3. Acceptable Use Policies (AUPs)

Acceptable Use Policies are in place for pupils, staff, volunteers and governors. They are intended to ensure:

- that everyone will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other communications technologies for educational, personal and recreational use
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and users at risk
- that staff are protected from potential risk in their use of technology in their everyday work
- pupils will have good access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and will, in return, agree to be responsible users

The school will try to ensure that staff and volunteers have good access to digital technology to enhance their work, to enhance learning opportunities for pupils' learning and will, in return, expect staff and volunteers to agree to be responsible users.